

statewide winners in the very first year of operation of the Michigan program. Boyne City's selection was based on physical characteristics of the proposed Main Street area, the capacity of their downtown business organization and broad based support that evidenced willingness of the whole community to participate.

Along the way Boyne City had to commit to providing a minimum of \$35,000 per year for three years for a full time Main Street coordinator.

National and state experts who work with the Main Street program will make dozens of visits to Boyne City over the next three years to work with local participants as they develop ways to market Boyne City's historical downtown, encourage economic development, develop loft apartments with the assistance of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and preserve and rehabilitate historic structures.

The aim of the program is to stimulate economic growth, and Boyne City's successful application may result in a return of nearly \$40 for every dollar it spends, according to Main Street's 2001 national re-investment statistics. The Main Street program was developed by the National Historic Preservation Trust.

With this honor, Boyne City will move even more quickly to transform its downtown into a thriving Main Street center of commerce and economic vitality.

I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating everyone in Boyne City who put in the years of effort and community wide collaboration that made Boyne City a charter member of what I sincerely believe will be a long line of successful Michigan Main Street communities. I offer my heartiest congratulations.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Archdiocese of San Francisco on its 150th anniversary. When the Archdiocese was first established on July 29, 1853, it included all of Northern California. Joseph Sadoc Alemany, the first Archbishop of San Francisco, who served from 1853 to 1884, was a Dominican priest who was born in Spain and immigrated to the United States in 1840. Alemany initially was reluctant to come to California, but was told by Pope Pius IX, "You must go to California—Where others are drawn by gold, you must carry the cross."

In the first three decades of its history, the Archdiocese built an extensive system of schools, orphanages, hospitals, and homes for the elderly and other institutions of charity. These agencies could not have existed without the heroic efforts of the orders of women religious. By 1884, the Catholic Church was firmly established in San Francisco and Northern California. The Dominican Sisters, Notre Dame de Namur Sisters, Sisters of Charity,

Presentation, Sisters, Mercy Sisters, Sisters of the Holy Family and women in other Catholic religious congregations served a significant role in forming the safety net of social services and built a continuing legacy of Catholic education.

In the Teamsters' Strike of 1901, Father Peter Yorke placed the Church of San Francisco firmly on the side of working people, making impassioned speeches to thousands of workers. To those who questioned a priest's involvement in the labor struggle, Yorke answered, "As a priest my duty is with workingmen, who are struggling for their rights, because that is the historical position of the priesthood and because that is the Lord's command."

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has served as an anchor for numerous immigrant groups from Europe, Asia and the Philippines and Central and Latin America and the Archdiocese of San Francisco continues to serve the people of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties in parishes and institutions of enormous historical, cultural and social value to the Bay Area like the Mission San Francisco (Dolores) (1776), Mission San Rafael (1817), St. Francis Shrine (first parish in 1849); Mission Dolores School (1852); St. Mary's Hospital (1857); St. Matthew's Parish, San Mateo (1863) St. Vincent's School for Boys (1855); and especially the 93 parishes and missions serving Bay Area Catholics.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco continues its mission of education in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties in its 66 Catholic elementary schools serving 28,266 students, and its fourteen high schools serving 8,262 students.

The parishioners of the many parishes of the Archdiocese make contributions to the economic, cultural and civic life of the San Francisco Bay Area. I commend the leadership of the Archdiocese of San Francisco on this occasion of its 150th Anniversary and offer best wishes for many more years of service.

CALIFORNIA GREY BEARS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th Anniversary of an invaluable organization in my local community, the California Grey Bears. The Grey Bears is an organization of senior citizens, which encourages local seniors to contribute to their community while reaping the benefits of their work. The Grey Bears have been an integral force in the recycling movement in Santa Cruz County, keeping 11,000 tons of material out of landfills each year. They run a local thrift store, completely operated by senior volunteers, and each year they distribute over one million pounds of food to 2,100 local senior citizens.

They have instituted an outreach program to collect recyclables from businesses in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County, and have also started a number of recycling projects at local landfill sites.

While donating their time and efforts, these seniors strive to combat loneliness while promoting self-reliance and prolonged independent living. The Grey Bears sponsor a number of gatherings each year, ranging from potlucks, and picnics, to Christmas parties. Through these events, local seniors can find much needed companionship. Additionally, they support other local charities with surplus food. Their commitment to Santa Cruz County is that no senior will go hungry.

The California Grey Bears has continuously worked for the past thirty years to effectively empower and ameliorate the lives of local seniors. Their accomplishments are truly honorable and the contributions they have made to their community are vital to the well being of a large number of people in Santa Cruz County.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COURTNEY STADD

HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Courtney Stadd, who recently left his position as Chief of Staff and White House Liaison at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

As I tell my constituents who live in the Clear Lake area in Houston, Texas, where the Johnson Space Center is located, I greatly admire the dedication, genius and passion of the people who dedicate their lives in the pursuit of exploration.

Courtney Stadd exemplifies those qualities.

For over twenty-five years, in both the public and private sectors, Courtney has remained committed to the importance of American leadership in technology, aeronautics and space. I have known Courtney in his various space-related roles for several years and have always been impressed by his creativity and passion for space exploration.

Courtney has led a distinguished career. He served in senior policy positions in both the Reagan and previous Bush Administrations, where he played leading roles in developing U.S. space policies. In the private sector, he has been associated with pioneering efforts, involving the establishment of the commercial launch industry, the emergence of the high resolution commercial remote sensing industry and efforts to protect and foster commercial applications of the Global Positioning System.

In December 2002, Courtney was appointed by President George W. Bush to lead the NASA transition effort, ensuring an effective and smooth agency transition into the new Administration. He has served the President and nation well. Courtney has demonstrated strong, compassionate leadership, put the needs of the NASA workforce paramount and remained steadfast in his support for a strong space program.

We will miss Courtney as he turns to the next chapter of his career. He leaves a legacy of solid leadership behind him at NASA. I wish Courtney the very best in his future endeavors and look forward to seeing his next achievements.